

BRENDA LOCKE is a semi-retired public defender who spent nearly 15 years in Jackson County as a line defender representing minors charged with delinquent acts in youth court and adults charged with felony crimes in circuit court. In 2012, Brenda joined the Mississippi Office of State Public Defender as the Juvenile Defense Resource Attorney and continues to serve part-time in this capacity to date. Brenda serves on the Advisory Committee of the Southern Juvenile Defender Center. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Paralegal Studies from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1989 and her Juris Doctor from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1996. She was admitted to the MS Bar in 1996. Brenda is a longtime member of Mississippi Public Defender's Association and has previously served on their board of directors. Brenda is also a Certified Juvenile Training Immersion Program (JTIP) Trainer.